



# Formative & Interim Assessment Resources & Activities



## Guided Professional Development

### Assessment Literacy for Creating Items, Prompts and Tasks

For all content areas and Idaho Core Standards. Teachers will be compensated for items that are shared in Schoolnet.

**Formative Assessment Program:** A two year in-depth program delivered in facilitated school-based embedded professional development teams and classrooms. Starting December 2013.



## Interactive Webinars:

**The Power of Assessment Webinar Series** Topics include: Understanding formative and interim assessment, providing student feedback, grading, understanding learning targets, matching assessment methods to desired evidence, assessment item writing guidelines, resources for implementing Idaho Core Standards and preparing for Smarter Balanced Assessments.

**Implications for Instruction Webinars:** Connecting the Idaho Core Standards for Mathematics and the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Claims, Assessment Targets, and Depth of Knowledge provide valuable insight on the evidence that is required to show mastery of the standards.



## Classroom Assessment Community of Practice

Classroom Assessment Group on Edmodo! This on-line learning community is rich with resources, chat, documents, book study learning guides, alerts. Make connections with other educators implementing formative assessment and using Schoolnet ASSESS. Sign up now at [www.edmodo.com](http://www.edmodo.com) and use the code **rc4tf9** to Join A Group.



## Best Practices in Formative & Interim Assessment Recognition Program

Educators earn points for implementing formative and interim assessment strategies and sharing successes. Points translate into additional dollars for classroom budgets. Recognition categories have been established for teacher learning teams or entire schools. Information available on the SDE Assessment Web Page. Revised for 2013-2014 Check out all the great posts and materials from last year's participants on the EDMODO Idaho Classroom Assessment Community of Practice site.



## Schoolnet Software Training

Please refer to the Professional Development Planner Calendar in Schoolnet to see all the training available by Region. There are workshops specifically for teachers and for administrators focusing on different modules in the software.



*"Assessment users can make sound instructional decisions only if the data they rely on (the assessment results gathered) provide an accurate picture of the current level of student learning."*  
Assessment Balance and Quality, Chappuis, Commadore, Stiggins

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## Goals for Assessment Professional Development

### Mission:

Provide organization and support for statewide implementation of balanced assessment systems.

-  Increase understanding of assessment literacy resulting in high-quality data for decision-making.
-  Support skilled use of classroom formative assessment to guide instruction and enhance implementation of the Idaho Core Standards and new assessment system.
-  Make optimal use of Schoolnet tools to the degree that student achievement is impacted.

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Formative assessment is a deliberate **process** used by teachers and students **during instruction** that provides actionable feedback that is used to adjust ongoing teaching and learning strategies to improve students' self-assessment, reflection and attainment of curricular learning targets/goals.

